

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Mountain City P.O. NV 89831  
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No:

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
A 2011-10

Mountain City Citizens Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Mountain City post office. The Final Determination was posted 10/14/2011 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

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Mountain City NV 89831  
Mountain City Citizens

A 2012-70

**A. The financial savings estimated by the USPS are inflated.**

1. The OIC does not receive any benefits. The USPS quoted \$8300.00 in their proposal to close Mountain City Post Office.
2. The contract with the carrier will probably have increase to compensate for his additional responsibilities. The USPS did not include that increase in their proposal.
3. The postal employee is an OIC, not a postmaster. The salary is exaggerated by \$7000.00 by the USPS in their Proposal.

**B. The mileage data provided by the USPS in their proposal is incorrect.**

1. It is nearly 13 miles to the Owyhee NV, Post Office.(see attached maps)
2. Most Mountain City residents live south of the Post Office. Their Mileage to Owyhee Post Office is increased more than 40 miles round trip.

**C. The Mountain City Post Office is a vital part of the community.**

1. It is a school bus stop.
2. It has the only public bulletin board in the area. It is used for posting meeting times and dates. It is used to notify residents of water restrictions, fire danger, community events and deaths.
3. There is no other business or building available to house a Village Post Office.

**D. During a public meeting in May, 2011 residents had questions or issues for the USPS that was not addressed.**

1. The Post Office is not to be closed strictly because they are not financially sound.
2. Would mail deliveries be made door to door?
3. If there is a cluster box, where will it be and who will maintain it? (Snow and Ice removal?)
4. If we receive packages too large for the cluster box, where would we go to claim it?
5. The carrier is not a postal employee, but would be handling the P.O. money for stamps and money orders ect.
6. If we want to have a mail box in a Post Office, where could we have it? The Owyhee, NV has a waiting list for their boxes.
7. What would our address be? If it is changed would the Post Office help us change it? What would our zip code be?

**E. Mountain City is a aging community.**

1. The average age is over 58.

2. Several residents are in their 80s and 90s
3. Some of our residents are infirm and homebound.

Please consider these issues before the sole remaining identity of Mountain City NV, 89831 is taken away from us.

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Thank you,

The Concerned Citizens of Mountain City NV, 89831

P.O. Box 188  
Mountain City NV, 89831



## Owyhee Combined School

P.O. Box 100 - 100 Academic Way  
Owyhee, Nevada 89832  
ELEMENTARY - JUNIOR HIGH - SENIOR HIGH



December 16, 2011

The Mountain City Post Office is the designated bus stop for the Elko County School District bus that transports students to Owyhee Combined School in Owyhee, Nevada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Mirich".

Joseph Mirich

Principal

Owyhee Combined School

Owyhee, NV



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November 14, 2011

Postal Regulatory Commission  
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Washington, DC 20268-0001

**RE: REQUEST FOR APPEAL TO POST OFFICE CLOSURE OF THE  
MOUNTAIN CITY POST OFFICE, MOUNTAIN CITY, NEVADA**

**Dear Postal Regulatory Commission:**

The Elko County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the decision to close the Mountain City Post Office in Mountain City, Nevada by the Post Office be reconsidered. Like many areas in Elko County, Mountain City is a remote community and the nearest Post Office in Owyhee, Nevada is near or at capacity. The next closest post office is over an hour away. Mountain City does not have a store or other business to provide limited postal services. We understand that the budget review included costs for a full-time Post Master and there is an opportunity for part-time personnel to reduce those costs. Although the nation is dealing with an economic downturn, Elko County continues to enjoy a robust economy and postal services are still a great need. Elko County requests that this decision be reviewed and overturned on behalf of our citizens.

Sincerely,

**ELKO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Robert K. Stokes  
Elko County Manager

bing Maps

**A** 1 Main St, Owyhee, NV  
US Post Office (775) 757-3736

**B** 519 Davidson St, Mountain City, NV  
US Post Office (775) 763-6663

My Notes

 On the go? Use [m.bing.com](http://m.bing.com) to find maps, directions, businesses, and more

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**A** 1 Main St, Owyhee, NV

**A-B: 12.9 mi**  
16 min

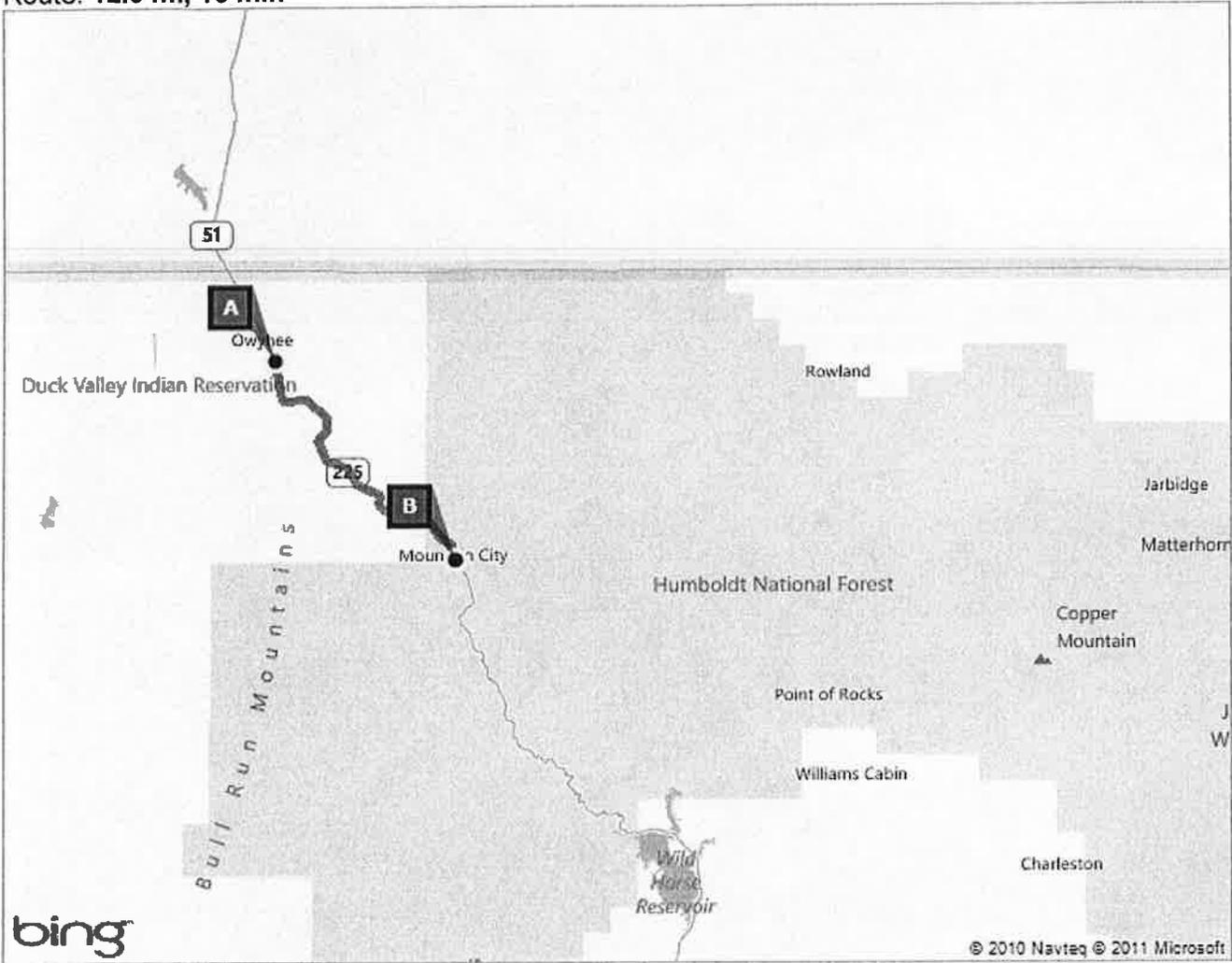
1. Depart **NV-225** toward NV-11 / China Town Rd

12.9 mi  
16 min

**B** 2. Arrive at **519 Davidson St, Mountain City, NV**  
*The last intersection is 2ND St*  
*If you reach A St, you've gone too far*

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A: 1 Main St, Owyhee, NV



B: 519 Davidson St, Mountain City, NV

